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MILAN MAN INDICTED ON METH CHARGE

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Milan, Mo., man was indicted by a federal grand jury today for possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine.

William Lance May, 44, of Milan, Mo., was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury meeting in Kansas City. Today's indictment replaces a federal criminal complaint filed on November 7, 2002.

The federal indictment alleges that **May** was in possession, with the intent to distribute, methamphetamine on March 22, 2002, in Sullivan County. According to an affidavit filed in support of that original criminal complaint, **May** was arrested on March 22, 2002, by a Missouri State Trooper. During a search of **May's** vehicle, Graves said, the trooper found the methamphetamine.

Graves cautioned that the charge contained in the indictment is simply an accusation, and is not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charge must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney William L. Meiners. It was investigated by the Missouri State Highway Patrol and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

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